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Mike Dayton Acting Secretary California Emergency Management Agency 3650 Schriever Avenue Mather, CA 95655

Dear Mr. Dayton:

Re: Request for Comments

The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) has an open proceeding involving Pacific Gas and Electric Company (PG&E). Currently, the CPUC is addressing the safety phase portion of this proceeding. This safety phase was opened following the September 9, 2010 natural gas explosion and fire in San Bruno.

The CPUC's Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) assigned to this proceeding has drafted a proposed decision on the safety phase issues for the CPUC's action at its July 14, 2011 meeting. A copy of the proposed decision is enclosed. The proposed decision is also available at the CPUC's website at: <a href="http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/efile/PD/136219.pdf">http://docs.cpuc.ca.gov/efile/PD/136219.pdf</a>.

The proposed decision recommends that PG&E be required to incorporate a number of different actions into its existing public safety and training efforts, emergency operations plan, dispatch procedures, and customer education efforts. Among the actions that the proposed decision recommends are the following: (1) PG&E be required to offer maps of its gas transmission lines, gas storage facilities, and associated shut-off valves to all of the fire departments and agencies in PG&E's service territory; (2) PG&E be required to provide natural gas training to fire departments and agencies, and that such training present an

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overview of the locations and operations of its facilities, how to contact PG&E in the event of an emergency, the precautionary measures and procedures that fire departments and agencies should take in responding to a natural gas leak or fire, and coordinating assistance from emergency response personnel if traffic or other conditions delay a timely response from PG&E; and (3) PG&E be required to incorporate changes into its dispatch and emergency response procedures.

Since the proposed decision is recommending actions that involve PG&E's interactions with fire departments and agencies, the CPUC welcomes your comments on the procedures recommended in this proposed decision. If your agency has any comments on the proposed decision, please mail or e-mail your comments to the following by June 17, 2011:

ALJ John S. Wong CPUC 505 Van Ness Avenue, #5106 San Francisco, CA 94102 jsw@cpuc.ca.gov

The ALJ will then distribute your comments to the parties to this proceeding should they wish to respond to your agency's comments. Your comments and the responses of the parties will then be considered and may be incorporated into the CPUC's decision.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Paul Članon

**Executive Director** 

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